

TXN23 MISSILES

WASHINGTON- APRIL 24--(INS)--U. S. INTELLIGENCE CHIEF ALLEN DULLES TODAY TERMED AS "A LITTLE BIT ON THE HIGH SIDE" RUSSIA'S CLAIM THAT IT IS DEVELOPING A GUIDED MISSILE CAPABLE OF DELIVERING A HYDROGEN BOMB WARHEAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

DULLES- DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY- MADE THE STATEMENT AFTER TESTIFYING BEHIND CLOSED-DOORS BEFORE A SENATE INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE LOOKING INTO U. S. AIR POWER.

OBVIOUSLY INTENDING TO AVOID QUESTIONING ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY SOVIET COMMUNIST BOSS NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV- DULLES SAID THAT "IT'S A CHANCE TO HAVE A MAN IN THE SOVIET UNION WHO BLURTS OUT THINGS NOW."

HE ADDED: "MAYBE SOMEDAY WE WILL GET A LITTLE MORE INTELLIGENCE FROM THEM.

"I DON'T THINK HE (KHRUSHCHEV) IS GIVEN TO MINIMIZING THINGS. I THINK WHAT HE HAD TO SAY IS A LITTLE ON THE HIGH SIDE."

DULLES MADE THE STATEMENT AFTER HOUSE-SENATE ATOMIC CHAIRMAN CLINTON P. ANDERSON (D) N. M.- SAID SECRET CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY HAS SUPPORTED SOVIET CLAIMS THAT THEY ARE CLOSE TO ACHIEVING INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES WITH H-BOMB WARHEADS.

ANDERSON SAID THAT THE TESTIMONY "PERSUADED MANY OF US THAT RUSSIA HAD A MISSILE CAPABILITY THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE" AND THAT IT WAS BASED ON "ACCURATE INFORMATION."

THIS VIEW WAS ECHOED BY CHAIRMAN HENRY JACKSON (D) WASH.- CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC WEAPONS SUBCOMMITTEE- WHO HAS DEMANDED A MASSIVE SPEEDUP IN THE NATION'S GUIDED MISSILE PROGRAM.

JACKSON SAID HE DISAGREED WITH A PUBLISHED STATEMENT BY AIR FORCE SECRETARY DONALD QUARLES THAT THE U. S. TECHNICALLY IS AHEAD OF RUSSIA IN PUSH-BUTTON WARFARE DEVELOPMENT.

THE WASHINGTON DEMOCRAT DECLARED: "I WOULDN'T AGREE THAT WE ARE TECHNICALLY AHEAD OF THE RUSSIANS. THAT IS A DANGEROUS ASSUMPTION."

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